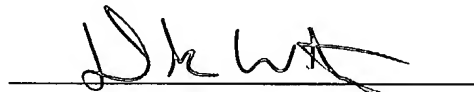


REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were pending. By the above amendments, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 11, 12, 17 and 23. Accordingly, claims 1-23 are currently pending. The Applicants respectfully request examination in view of the amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: March 25, 2004

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Derek J. Westberg', is written over a horizontal line.

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